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1. ALL OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL OF IRAOI GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WHETHER INVITATIONS ISSUED BY PRIVATE COMPANIES, ORGANIZATIONS OR OFFICIAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENT BODIES, MUST BE APPROVED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND IRAQI SECURITY AGENCIES. THEREFORE IF THE USFGC WISHES TO INVITE IRAQI OFFICIALS, THEY SHOULD FORWARD A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT, STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SOAD) SAADOUN STREET, BAGHDAD, IRAQ, TO USINT FOR DELIVERY TO SOAD UNDER COVER OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM USINT TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE LETTER SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, ADDRESS DR. HUSSEIN AL-ANI, THE PRESIDENT OF SOAD, BY NAME, NOR SHOULD IT LIST THE NAMES OR POSITIONS OF PERSONS WHICH THE USFGC WOULD LIKE TO INVITE. LETTER SHOULD GIVE AN IDEA OF THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT AND PROPOSED DATES AND ITINERARY, AND THEN EXTEND AN INVITATION FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF "APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS" OF THE SOAD, THE THREE GENERAL POULTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMPANIES, ETC. LETTER SHOULD ALSO NOT MENTION CO-SPONSORSHIP BY US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

2. PLEASE NOTE SUGGESTION OF OFFICIALS OF GENERAL POULTRY COMPANY--CENTRAL REGION (SEE REF. B) THAT TENDERS FOR THREE INTEGRATED POULTRY FARMS MIGHT INCLUDE INVITATION FOR IRAQI OFFICIALS TO INSPECT

PLANT, FACILITIES, ETC. IN OUR JUDGMENT THIS APPROACH IS PREFERABLE TO USFGC INVITATION BECAUSE IT EMPHASIZES THE PURELY COMMERCIAL CHARACTER OF THE INVITATION AND THEREBY ENHANCES CHANCES OF IRAQI ACCEPTANCE. IT ALSO WOULD CIRCUMVENT MANY OF THE FORMALITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE, SO FAR NO IRAQI OFFICIALS HAVE ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT THE US FROM OTHER USDA COOPERATOR ORGANIZATIONS.

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